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Creative Collisions Q&A

1. **What is Creative Collisions?**

Creative Collisions is a conference taking place on 3rd May in London for the UK's youth sector. For the first time, many of the UK's most inspiring youth organisations are coming together to plan the biggest sector conference including: UK Youth, Girlguiding, The Scout Association, Ambition, Leap Confronting Conflict, NCS, NYA, The Mix, and VInspired.

Sponsored by the Wellcome Trust, Creative Collisions will be a coming together to spark connections, share ideas, bridge divides and forge a positive future for young people and youth organisations across the UK.

Young people will lead many of the conference sessions – and there will be a great selection of knowledgeable and inspiring speakers to help and encourage the youth sector to continue to do what it does best.

2. **Will Creative Collisions be an annual event?**

Creative Collisions previously took place in 2013 and 2014. Following the closure of NCVYS, UK Youth picked up the mantle to ensure its legacy as a collaborative youth sector event supporting provision for young people in the UK.

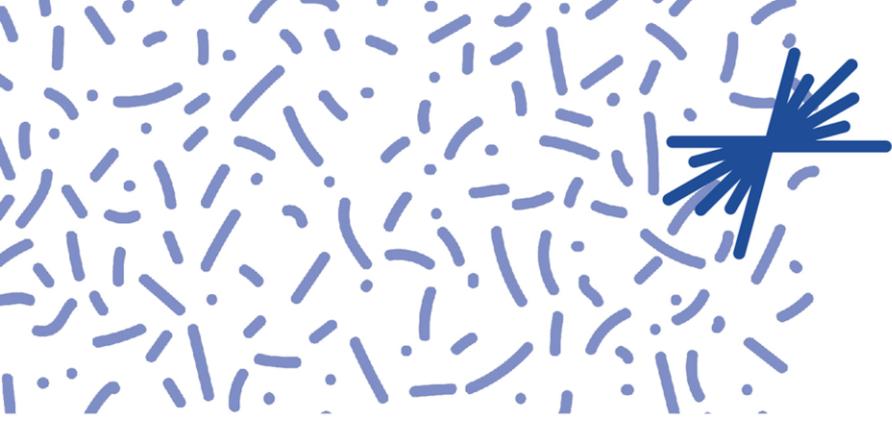
In order for the event to continue, UK Youth engaged eight other charity partners to collaborate and contribute towards the event as well as securing The Wellcome Trust as the event sponsor. This year, the following charity partners are supporting UK Youth: The Scout Association, Girlguiding, Ambition, Leap Confronting Conflict, NCS, NYA, The Mix and VInspired.

Building on learnings from the previous conferences, Creative Collisions 2017 has multiple partners to ensure that the event truly represents the breadth of the youth sector. For the first time, uniformed and non-uniformed youth organisations are coming together, to ensure a representative mix of young people from all backgrounds

We hope that the legacy of Creative Collisions will mean it has a lasting impact on the youth sector. While we cannot yet confirm that the conference will take place again in future years, the collaborative effort of Creative Collisions is something that we hope to continue into the future.

3. **Who can attend Creative Collisions?**

Creative Collisions is a conference aimed at the youth sector. While anyone can attend, we are expecting between 500 and 600 delegates representing young people and youth organisations from across the UK, including charity CEOs, leading experts in policy and practice, and partners from government and the public, corporate and social sectors.



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As well as delegate places, there is room for organisations to purchase exhibitor space, which is available on a first come first serve basis.

To book your space in the Creative Collisions Marketplace, speak to your charity contact or get in touch with the event team by email at cc@matterandco.com or by phone on 020 3861 3337

4. Is there a limit on the number of young people who can attend, and if so why?

The number of tickets allocated for young people aged 16-25 is between 200- 250. These are free places, to ensure that the conference was accessible and open for all young attendees.

Due to the overarching aim of cross-sector collaboration, ticket allocation for Creative Collisions is weighted ever so slightly towards practitioners. Our venue, the Mermaid Theatre, has a capacity of 600, and this will include 250 free tickets available for young people, and 350 for people working in the youth sector.

5. Is there a limit on the number of people working in the youth sector who can attend?

There is no limit over and above any other types of attendees, however there are a limited number of tickets available due to the venue capacity. Our maximum capacity is 600 delegates, which includes 250 tickets for young people aged 16-25 and 350 for attendees working in the youth sector. If tickets sell out but some delegates become unable to attend, we will release any remaining or leftover tickets and communicate this accordingly.

6. Is there any opportunity to participate in the event remotely?

We are currently investigating opportunities for remote access via a conference app and will update our website accordingly, however there will be an opportunity to get involved via social media, using the [@ccollisions_uk](https://twitter.com/ccollisions_uk) handle and [#creativecollisions](https://twitter.com/creativecollisions) hashtag.

7. Who is running the event?

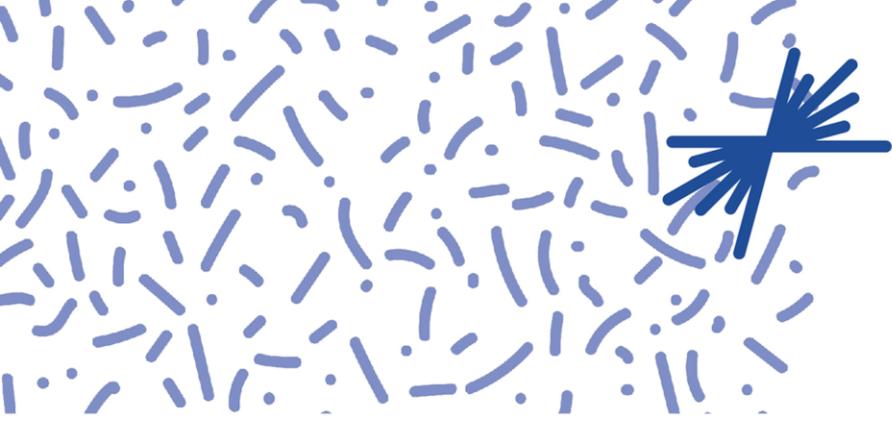
Creative Collisions is a collaboration between some of the UK's most inspiring youth organisations: UK Youth, The Scout Association, Girlguiding, Ambition, Leap Confronting Conflict, NCS, NYA, The Mix and VInspired.

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8. Who has set the agenda?

The agenda has been created drawing on the expertise and experience of all nine partner organisations and the Wellcome Trust, as well as in collaboration with young people and the issues that are affecting them most.

With nine leading youth organisation involved in the planning and programming of Creative Collisions we are confident that we have captured feedback from across the sector to



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ensure we address the most relevant topics. The nine partner organisations have been feeding in the views of their members, wider networks, and young people since June last year and we have been consulting with members and young people throughout the planning of the event.

While our programme and speaker list are finalised, we are proud to be incorporating views from across the entire youth sector. There are many ways that other youth organisations of all sizes can take part- for example by exhibiting at the conference, getting involved in the conversation via Twitter, or by registering a young person to attend for free.

9. How did you decide on ticket prices?

Creative Collisions has made every effort to keep the cost of attending the event to a minimum. A significant amount of research was conducted into the cost of other youth sector conferences and our research showed our pricing structure is around half of that of many other youth conferences, with our full price tickets being over £100 less than the average sector conference.

For those interested in attending we are offering the opportunity to buy early bird tickets for £99 with full price tickets ending at £150. There is a small added booking fee by eventbrite plus VAT on payment.

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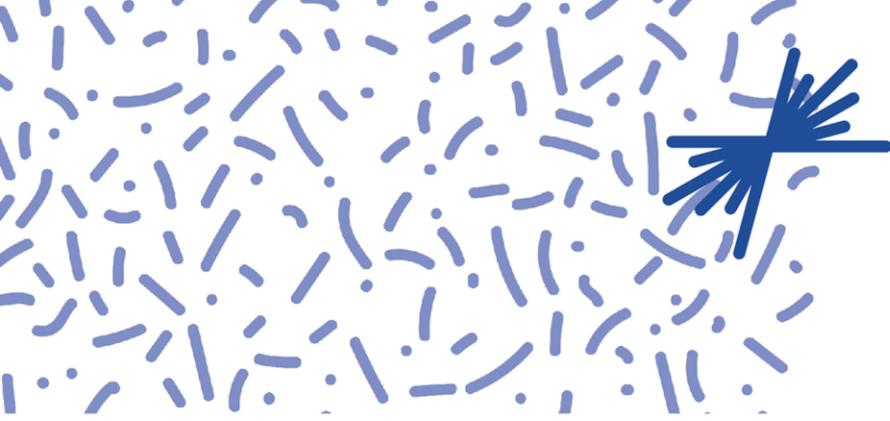
Creative Collisions is more than just a conference. Delegates can feel confident that they will leave with increased knowledge from multiple workshops, new contacts from the incredible networking opportunities and their voices heard on the outcomes that could define the future of the sector.

We have achieved funding from the EU to ensure that young people can register for a ticket free of charge and can also claim back a small contribution towards their travel.

For details of this please visit our website <http://creative-collisions.org.uk/> or see our ticket booking page: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creative-collisions-2017-tickets-30955854795>

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10. What do you hope to achieve from the conference?

Nine leading youth organisations are collaborating to bring together hundreds of young people and those working with them from across their networks for this year's event. Young people will lead many of the sessions – and we're lining up some of the most knowledgeable and inspiring speakers within the sector and beyond to help, encourage and support you to do what you do even better.

This is the first time that these organisations have come together and the first time that uniformed and non-uniformed youth organisations are setting a collaborative agenda. Creative Collisions is a real opportunity for cross sector collaboration and all of our partners are helping make sure Creative Collisions is bringing together young people from a variety of backgrounds.

Our workshops will be addressing topics such as Social Mobility, Working with Young People in 2037, Identity & Diversity, Democratic Engagement, safeguarding online & echo chambers, employability and more. Creative Collisions will be pulling together thoughts from across the sector including from all of the young people attending.

We aspire for all of the Creative Collisions organisations to come together and agree on tangible outputs and commitments for the future of the youth sector.

11. What can I do if I have bought tickets but can no longer attend?

Please get in touch with cc@matterandco.com or call 0203 861 3330 to inform the Creative Collisions team and we will provide you with a refund and allocate your ticket to anyone who is on our waiting list.

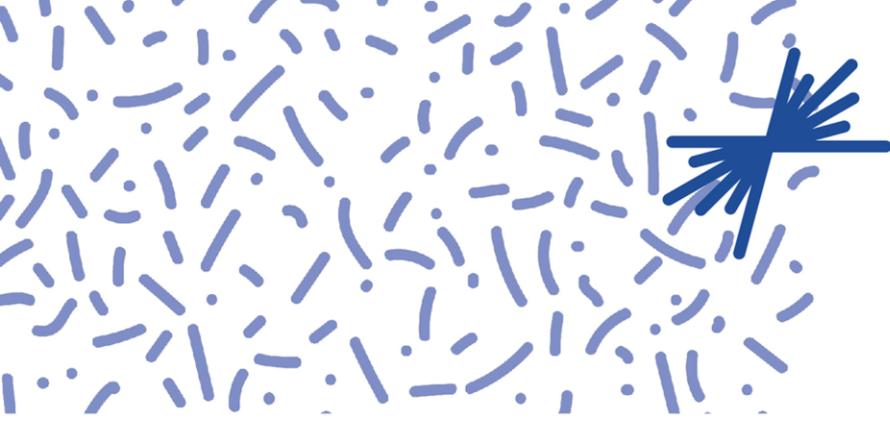
Please be sure to let us know at least two weeks before the date of the conference. The deadline for refunds will be 19 April 2017.

If your ticket is a 16-25 free place please also notify us by 19 April so that we can fill your place with a young person on our waiting list.

12. Does my carer need to buy a ticket?

We are very conscious of ensuring that Creative Collisions is as inclusive and accessible as possible. If you are a carer for a young person and would like to accompany them to the conference, please get in touch with cc@matterandco.com or call 0203 861 3330 for further details.

13. With so many young people in the room how will you ensure safeguarding?



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Youth workers have been invited to bring young people with them to attend Creative Collisions.

The recommended ratio of young people to youth workers/ practitioners is 6:1 and we are confident that there will be a much higher ratio than this.

Staff from across all partner organisations will also be on hand throughout the day and a full risk assessment of the venue will be carried out in advance of the conference to minimise risk.

14. Can I get a contribution to my travel costs?

If you are a young person between 16-25 and have registered for free tickets you will also be eligible for a contribution towards travel. We have achieved funding from the EU to ensure that young people can register for a free ticket, and can also claim back a small contribution made towards their travel.

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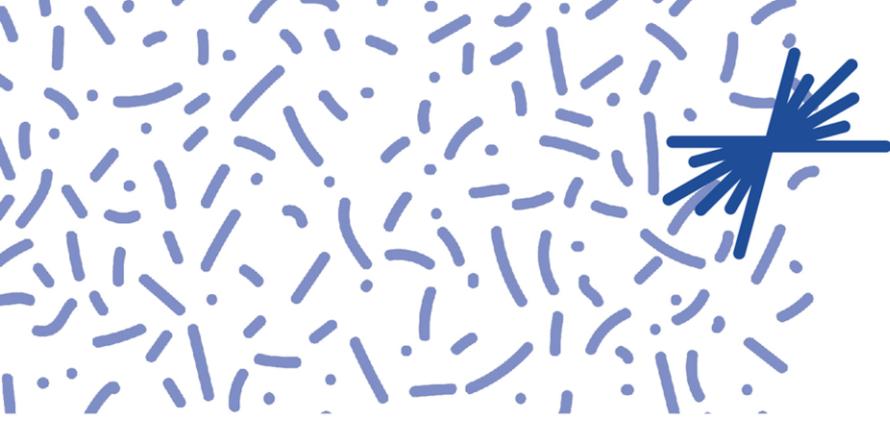
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15. The organisation I work for would like to contribute to the formation of the agenda, how could we do this?

We are open to hearing suggestions and input from partners and other organisations within the youth sector, however our programme is now finalised. Our programme is a culmination of a lot of sector consultation and collaboration between our partners, their networks, members and affiliates as well as young people.

With nine leading youth organisations involved in the planning and programming of Creative Collisions we are confident that we have captured feedback from across the sector to ensure we address the most relevant topics. All nine partner organisations have been feeding in the views of their members, wider networks, and young people since June 2016 and we have been consulting with young people throughout the planning of the event.

There are many ways that other youth organisations of all sizes can take part - for example by exhibiting at the conference or by registering a young person to attend for free. And many opportunities to make your voice heard on the day through Q+A and collaborative workshops as well as during many of the networking opportunities that we have made time for within our programme.



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16. I'm a member of one of the partner organisations, can I get a discount?

Members of the partner organisations do not receive an additional discount, although Creative Collisions has made every effort to keep the cost of attending the event to a minimum. A significant amount of research was conducted into the cost of other youth sector conferences and our research showed our pricing structure is around half of that of many other youth conferences.

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17. Will food be provided?

There will be tea and coffee refreshments throughout the day and lunch will be served on the day. Please make clear any dietary requirements when you register for tickets.

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